

Skagit County
Youth & Tobacco Data Summary
8TH GRADE
Year 2000

		County %	State %
8th Grade Students Surveyed	n= 1,064	100.0 %	100.0 %
Gender			
Female		48.9 %	51.9 %
Male		51.1 %	48.1 %
Race/Ethnicity			
Students of Color		23.6 %	28.7 %
White		76.4 %	71.3 %
		County %+/- Margin of Error	State %+/- Margin of Error
Past 30 days, youth who have smoked cigarettes at least once			
Female	n= 500	11.6 %+/- 2.8	14.5 %+/- 1.7
Male	n= 522	9.8 %+/- 2.5	10.3 %+/- 1.5
Total	n= 1022	10.6 %+/- 1.9	12.5 %+/- 1.1
Past 30 days, youth who have smoked cigars at least once			
Female	n= 500	2.0 %+/- 1.2	3.0 %+/- 0.8
Male	n= 518	5.6 %+/- 2.0	5.4 %+/- 1.1
Total	n= 1018	3.7 %+/- 1.1	4.3 %+/- 0.7
Past 30 days, youth who have smoked tobacco in a pipe at least once			
Female	n= 502	1.8 %+/- 1.2	1.7 %+/- 0.6
Male	n= 520	2.5 %+/- 1.3	2.4 %+/- 0.8
Total	n= 1022	2.2 %+/- 0.9	2.1 %+/- 0.5
Past 30 days, youth who have smoked bidis (flavored cigarettes) at least once			
Female	n= 498	2.2 %+/- 1.3	3.4 %+/- 0.8
Male	n= 519	2.9 %+/- 1.4	3.1 %+/- 0.9
Total	n= 1017	2.6 %+/- 1.0	3.3 %+/- 0.6
Past 30 days, youth who have used smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff or dip) at least once			
Female	n= 492	1.0 %+/- 0.9	1.4 %+/- 0.6
Male	n= 514	7.2 %+/- 2.2	2.6 %+/- 0.8
Total	n= 1006	4.1 %+/- 1.2	2.1 %+/- 0.5
Past 30 days, youth who have used any tobacco product at least once			
Female	n= 490	13.5 %+/- 3.0	15.5 %+/- 1.7
Male	n= 508	15.6 %+/- 3.2	14.0 %+/- 1.7
Total	n= 998	14.5 %+/- 2.1	14.9 %+/- 1.2

Source: Washington State Department of Health
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n = number of survey respondents for county.
* = Rate not calculated because number of responses was less than 15.

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About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?	n= 1028	
None	61.2 %+/- 3.0	64.9 %+/- 1.6
1/2 pack or less	27.0 %+/- 2.7	22.2 %+/- 1.4
1 - 4 packs	5.9 %+/- 1.4	6.3 %+/- 0.9
5 or more packs	5.8 %+/- 1.4	6.6 %+/- 0.8
Do you want to stop using tobacco right now? (among current tobacco users)	n= 151	
Yes	61.6 %+/- 7.8	59.3 %+/- 4.1
Have you ever participated in a program to help you quit using tobacco? (among current tobacco users)	n= 183	
Yes	5.5 %+/- 3.3	7.2 %+/- 2.0
During past 12 months, did you ever try to quit using tobacco? (cigarettes, cigars, or chew/dip)(among current tobacco users)	n= 99	
Yes	46.5 %+/- 9.8	61.2 %+/- 5.2
Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at any time during the next year?	n= 1050	
Definitely no	59.9 %+/- 3.0	60.8 %+/- 1.7
If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?	n= 1049	
Definitely no	64.7 %+/- 2.9	64.0 %+/- 1.6
Susceptibility Index (combination of the previous two questions, either of which receives any answer other than 'Definitely no')	n= 1051	
Susceptible	45.2 %+/- 3.0	43.5 %+/- 1.7
If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it? (from among youth who did not smoke in last 30 days)	n= 935	
Definitely no	70.5 %+/- 2.9	72.1 %+/- 1.6
Do you think the smoke from other people's cigarettes (second-hand smoke) is harmful to you?	n= 1052	
Definitely yes or Probably yes	88.7 %+/- 1.9	89.0 %+/- 1.0
Do you think it is safe to smoke for only a year or two, as long as you quit after that?	n= 1053	
Definitely no	68.6 %+/- 2.8	69.5 %+/- 1.6

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Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it such as a lighter, t-shirt, hat, or sunglasses?	n= 1053	
Definitely no	43.8 %+/- 3.0	45.5 %+/- 1.7
During last 12 months, did you buy or receive anything that has a tobacco name or picture on it?	n= 1048	
Yes	18.3 %+/- 2.3	16.2 %+/- 1.2
During past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?	n= 679	
3 or more days	28.3 %+/- 3.4	29.7 %+/- 3.1
During past 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?	n= 681	
3 or more days	25.4 %+/- 3.3	24.3 %+/- 2.9
During this school year, did you practice ways to say 'NO' to tobacco in any of your classes (for example, by role playing)?	n= 1054	
Yes	60.8 %+/- 2.9	48.6 %+/- 1.7
During past 30 days, have you seen or heard commercials on TV, the Internet, or on the radio about the dangers of cigarette smoking?	n= 1052	
More than once a week	74.6 %+/- 2.6	77.1 %+/- 1.5
How wrong would most adults in your neighborhood think it was for kids your age to smoke cigarettes?	n= 1045	
Very wrong	57.6 %+/- 3.0	57.6 %+/- 1.7
If you wanted to get some tobacco, how easy would it be for you to get some?	n= 1036	
Very hard or Sort of hard	49.2 %+/- 3.0	52.2 %+/- 1.7
Has either of your parents (or guardians) discussed the dangers of tobacco use with you?	n= 1054	
Yes	72.2 %+/- 2.7	71.2 %+/- 1.5
Does anyone who lives with you now smoke cigarettes?	n= 681	
Yes	41.0 %+/- 3.7	38.7 %+/- 3.3